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108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SNYDER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women.

Whereas heart disease is the number one killer of American women;

Whereas heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women each year;



Whereas heart disease takes the lives of more women than men;

Whereas according to a recent American Heart Association survey, only 13 percent of women consider heart disease their greatest health threat;

Whereas one in three women dies of heart disease;

Whereas heart disease kills almost twice as many women as all forms of cancer;

Whereas African-Americans are at greater risk for heart disease and stroke than Caucasians, affecting African-American females at a rate of 39.6 percent compared to 23.8 percent in Caucasian females;

Whereas heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death for Hispanics, and responsible for 33 percent of deaths in Hispanic females;

Whereas heart disease risk factors include family history, smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, and diabetes; and

Whereas women are often unaware of the risk and receive fewer preventive services than recommended: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that there is a critical need to increase aware-  
3       ness and education about heart disease and the risk fac-  
4       tors for heart disease among women, and the House of  
5       Representatives—

6               (1) commends First Lady Laura Bush and the  
7       National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in their



1 vital campaign to raise public awareness that heart  
2 disease is the number one killer of American women;

3 (2) believes that heart disease will remain the  
4 number one killer of American women unless we as  
5 a society dramatically improve education, preventa-  
6 tive care, research, diagnostic capabilities, and treat-  
7 ments; and

8 (3) recognizes that the more women become  
9 cognizant of the scourge of heart disease and how to  
10 prevent it, the more likely they can make sound life-  
11 style changes to help reduce their chances of getting  
12 heart disease.

